

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A hole alignment gauge for model cars guiding a drill bit into axle holes for reaming the same, comprising:

a body having a generally rectangular shape, two mutually parallel ends parallel to the lateral axis of said body, and two mutually parallel sides parallel to the longitudinal axis of said body;

a pair of projections having a generally rectangular shape extending coplanar with each of said ends perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said body, a length less than half that of said body, said projections form a U shape, and a means to align;

said projections having one or more engraved grooves upon each of said projections and away from said body, parallel to the longitudinal axis of said body and to said aligning means, and visible directly above said aligning means;

said aligning means having one or more parallel spaced apart non-threaded round holes matching and generally centered in each of said projections and parallel to the longitudinal axis of said body, said holes having a diameter to receive a drill bit snugly, and said holes are located away from the center of said body to match existing axle holes in said model car; and,

a passage bounded by said projections having a generally rectangular shape, ~~whereby, and a model car fits snugly within said passage, and a drill bit enters said aligning means and said model car, and said drill bit reams an axle hole in said model car.~~

whereby said projections position an axle hole coaxial with said aligning means and a drill bit enters said aligning means and then an axle hole of the model car.

2-13. (cancelled)

14. (withdrawn) A method of aligning axle holes in model cars, the steps comprising:

- 1) placing a gauge upon said model car; and,
 - 2) locating said gauge proximate to an axle hole of said model car;
- and,
- 3) positioning markings of the projections of said gauge at said axle hole; and,
 - 4) inserting a drill bit through a hole in said projection, into said axle hole, and into a hole in an opposite projection, thereby aligning said axle hole.

15. (withdrawn) The method of aligning axle holes in claim ~~49~~ 14 further comprising:

- 1) locating two jaws of said gauge opposite one another proximate to an axle hole of said model car; and,
- 2) closing said jaws towards each other and upon said model car.

16. (new) The hole alignment gauge of claim 1 wherein said passage is 1.75 inches in width.

17. (new) A hole alignment gauge for model cars, having a body of a generally rectangular shape with two mutually parallel ends parallel to the lateral axis of said body, and two mutually parallel sides parallel to the longitudinal axis of said body; a pair of projections having a generally rectangular shape extending coplanar with each of said ends perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said body, a length less than half that of said body, said projections form a U shape, and a means to align; and, a passage bounded by said projections having a generally rectangular shape and fixed width of 1.75 inches where a model car fits snugly within said passage, said gauge guiding a drill bit into axle holes of a model car for reaming the same, wherein the improvement comprises;

said projections having one or more engraved grooves upon each of said projections and away from said body, parallel to the longitudinal axis of said body and to said aligning means, and visible directly above said aligning means;

said aligning means having one or more parallel spaced apart non-threaded round holes matching and generally centered in each of said

projections and parallel to the longitudinal axis of said body, said holes having a diameter to receive a drill bit snugly, and said holes are located away from the center of said body to match existing axle holes in said model car; and,

said projections position the axle hole of a model car coaxial with said aligning means.